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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEA/IRN - NAAS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IR

SUBJECT: SHAH LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

REFERENCE: TEHRAN 6409

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SHAH LETTER OF JUNE 8 TO  
PRESIDENT:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO MY LETTER OF JUNE 1,  
1977 IN VIEW OF THE KEEN INTEREST WHICH YOU HAVE  
PERSONALLY TAKEN IN QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL CONCERN TO OUR  
TWO COUNTRIES, I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO  
THE FACT THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER OF OFFER FROM  
YOUR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE  
HUNDRED AND SIXTY AIRCRAFT WHICH WE WILL ACCEPT. I DO  
NOT WISH TO TAKE UP NOW THE MATTER RELATING TO THE  
REPLACEMENT OF OUR F-4E AND F-5E AIRCRAFT BUT I MUST  
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STRESS THE FACT THAT OUR ASSESSMENT OF IRAN'S MINIMUM  
NEEDS FOR HER AIR DEFENSE CALLS FOR THREE HUNDRED  
ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT. I THEREFORE HOPE THAT WE WILL BE  
ABLE TO OBTAIN AN OFFER FOR THE ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY  
ADDITIONAL F-16 AIRCRAFT AS A COMPLEMENT TO THE FIRST

AGREEMENT AS THIS WILL MAKE POSSIBLE A DELIVERY SCHEDULE

OF EIGHT AIRCRAFT PER MONTH. MOREOVER, THIS COULD ALSO

LEAD TO AN EVENTUAL DECREASE IN THE PRICE OF THE AIRCRAFT  
IN FAVOUR OF OUR AIR FORCE AND THAT OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA. I WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD KINDLY  
GIVE THIS QUESTION YOUR CONSIDERED ATTENTION IN KEEPING  
WITH OUR MUTUAL COMMITMENTS WITHIN THE CLOSE SECURITY  
RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES  
OVER THE YEARS TO WHICH BOTH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND I  
ATTACH THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE.

"WITH BEST WISHES AND WARMEST REGARDS. SINCERELY,  
MOHAMMAD REZA PAHLAVI"

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